

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. T. D. Goodale, of Camden, has recently moved to Sumter and accepted a position as engraver with Mr. J. B. Folsom.

Mrs. W. L. Heaner, of Orangeburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hal P. Scott.

Miss Julia E. Gruber, of Savannah, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Folsom, and after attending the commencement exercises of Sumter High School, at which time her two nieces, Misses Lillie and Louie graduate, she will return to Columbia and join them there on their way to Asheville where they will spend the summer.

Miss Claudia Fraser left this morning for Fayetteville, N. C., on a visit to Mrs. J. A. McMurry.

Dr. Jno A. Brunson leaves tonight for Atlanta, Ga., for several weeks' vacation.

Mrs. F. C. Manning, who has been visiting her father, Col. R. M. Cooper, of Wisacky, returned to her home in Newark, N. J., yesterday.

Mrs. O. H. Folley and children have returned from Birmingham, Ala., after a stay of several weeks.

Mrs. Philip Schlamp, of Henderson, Ky., is visiting the family of Dr. H. M. Stuckey.

Mr. L. J. Myers, of Hagood, was in town on business yesterday.

Mrs. H. A. Trueman, of Lincoln, Nebraska, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Reid Ard, at her home on East Liberty St. Mrs. Trueman is accompanied by her youngest son, Eldredge.

Misses Irene and Helen Plowden and Messrs. David Plowden and Clarendon Croskey, of Clarendon county, are in the city attending the closing exercises of the city schools.

Miss Cossie Plowden, of Wilson, S. C., is visiting in the city.

A telegram was received this morning from Lieut. Orin F. Crow, of the 318th Field Artillery, saying he landed at Newport News yesterday.

Mrs. E. W. Vogel and children left this morning for Hendersonville, N. C., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. E. B. Rhodus, of Greeleyville, spent today here on business.

Second Lieut. James C. Hood, who has been with the American Army in France for nearly a year has received his commission as First Lieutenant.

Improvements at Pocalia.

With the coming of real summer weather the season at Pocalia has opened in full blast and the crowds that visit this pleasure resort every afternoon and evening are already as great as at the height of the season last year. Those who visit Pocalia find that during the winter Mr. Beck took advantage of the opportunity when he was not crowded and busy taking care of his patrons to make many improvements that add to the attractiveness of the place.

The lake has been deepened by the erection of a concrete wall entirely encircling it, so that danger of the dam breaking again has been almost entirely eliminated. Concrete retaining walls have also been erected around the terraces that overlook the lake and new walks have been laid out. The number of bath houses has been more than doubled, with a row of private bath houses on the north side of the lake which have been rented to the holders of season tickets.

The greatest of all the improvements has been the installation of an electric lighting plant of three hundred lights capacity. The plant is sufficient to brilliantly illuminate the dance hall and the picnic grounds on the brow of the hill and to give ample lights for the lake and all the bath houses, so that bathing at night will be as safe and delightful as in the afternoon. In the dance hall a large and fine electric piano has been placed and dancers can have the latest music at all hours of the day, and until a reasonable hour at night. No dancing will, however, be allowed on Sunday.

Year by year Mr. Beck has developed the natural beauties and attractions until it is now one of the most delightful places of healthful recreation in this section of the State, but as much as he has done his plans have not been completed, for he has many other improvements in view that he will make as soon as it is practicable to do so. In the mean time the people of Sumter have the opportunity of spending many hours at a pleasure resort at their own doors that has advantages over majority of places they have been accustomed to "go away in the summer" to visit. Sumter people can take their summer vacation at home and have a better time at less expense than when they go to the mountains or seashore.

Public Health Exhibit at Y. M. C. A.

A large card exhibit for High School boys and young men is on display at the Y. M. C. A. for the boys and young men of Sumter.

This is a health exhibit gotten up by the United States public health service, and is being shown to every high school in every State through the State Board of Health and the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. R. L. Alexander, who is the director of the health campaign for the State of South Carolina is here today. Owing to the fact that the commencement exercises are on at the High School, the exhibit will be shown at the Y. M. C. A. for the next few days.

This is an interesting exhibit, with pictures direct from life. Every young man is promised a treat, which he receives, when he views this exhibit. It is known as the "Keeping Fit" campaign for High School boys.

Mr. Alexander says that the exhibit has gained the highest praise and approval from educators and teachers as well as pupils wherever shown.

There will be a summer stock company at the Opera House next week. The Pickert Sisters Stock Company will be here starting Monday, June 16th.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Special Swimming Classes at the Y. M. C. A. for Men and Boys.

There is no excuse for any man or boy not knowing how to swim. On Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10.30 there will be special lessons given boys 9 years and older who cannot already swim, free of charge. Any boy who is interested will call at the Y. M. C. A. and ask for a free swimming card.

Any man not knowing how to swim can secure special instructions and help free of charge and can have private instruction by seeing T. C. McKnight or just phone him at the Y. M. C. A.

The best summer tonic is a good shower and a swim in our clean swimming pool. For pleasure and benefit come around and try it.

Something About Dr. Wright.

The Sumter Daily Item:

I have been asked to say something regarding Dr. Frank Hall Wright who on Sunday, June 15, will begin a series of evangelistic meetings in the Presbyterian Church of our city. It gives me real pleasure to comply with this request. About fourteen years ago this coming September I became pastor of the Baptist church of Winchester, Ky. While there Dr. Wright conducted a series of meetings in the Presbyterian church of that city. The meetings lasted for three weeks. There were two services held each day. One of these in the afternoon and the other in the evening. As well as I can remember Dr. Wright is a man of medium height. At the time I knew him his hair and mustache were black. He wore glasses. He is a half Indian. Somebody twitted him once about having to use glasses and also having some trouble with his teeth. He replied: That is the white blood in me. That however regarding Dr. Wright in which we are now most interested is as a man and preacher. He is a fine Christian gentleman. He is a good preacher. He is not at all sensational. He relies upon the word of God and the Holy Spirit for the effectiveness of his message. In the early part of the meeting he directs his messages largely, almost entirely to Christians, church members. If you hear him and you are at all in doubt as to your spiritual condition you are likely to be made to feel very uncomfortable. After preaching for some time along the line indicated above he presents the wonderful plan of salvation with simplicity, clearness and force. One of the chief charms about Dr. Wright both as a man and evangelist, is his wonderfully sweet voice. I have heard few sweeter tenor voices than he has. Every time I heard him he concluded each sermon with an appropriate song. Although it has been a long time since I saw and heard him some of the songs he sang with such marvelous sweetness and wonderful effectiveness linger with me still. I remember a meeting for men one Sunday afternoon. He sang a song called "My Mother's Hands." There were few dry eyes in that church that afternoon. There are other songs which I heard him sing that I could mention, but I think I have said enough. No Christian in Sumter, either for his own sake or the interest he has in the salvation of the unsaved, can afford to miss hearing him. Dr. Wright is a deeply spiritual man. He practices what he preaches. Behind his message is a man yielded to God. If the Christian people of Sumter, regardless of denomination, will get this man and his meeting on their hearts; if they will hold him up by their prayers, the entire community shall be blessed. I hope that the pastor of the Presbyterian church will feel free to call on me and my people for any service we may be able to render.

W. E. Thayer.

High School Commencement

The closing exercises of the Sumter High School opened Tuesday in the auditorium of the Girls High School with an interesting program. The attendance was, as usual, so great that the seating capacity of the building was overtaxed and many who desired to attend could not gain admittance. The features of the program in which there was most interest were the competitive drill by the three best drilled members of the High School battalion and the declaimers' contest.

The contestants for the Levi medal for the manual of arms were: Harold DeLorme, Henry Edmunds and Archie Phelps. The medal was awarded to Harold DeLorme.

The Garland, the C. H. Wilson medal for athletics, was awarded to Clifford Crawford.

The O'Donnell medal for penmanship was awarded to Miss Louise Troublefield.

The program of the evening was as follows:

Overture—The Golden Sceptre.
Invocation.
Competitive Drill.
Awarding the Mitchell Levi Medal for Manual of Arms.
Orchestra—The American Patrol.
Awarding the Garland, the C. H. Wilson Medal for Athletics.
Awarding the O'Donnell Medal for Penmanship.

Declamations:
Leslie Schwartz—President Wilson's Comments Upon the Armistice.
Robert Edmunds—Why We Fought Germany: Secretary Lane.

Orchestra—Angel's Serenade.
Archie Phelps—When the Tide of the World War Turned: O. R. Kahn.

Coldclough Dick—England Unsheathes The Sword: Asquith.
Orchestra—U. S. Field Artillery March.

Henry Edmunds—And Peace Came: Dr. H. N. Snyder.

Eugene Lewis—France United in the Cause of Right: Paul Deschamps.
Orchestra—The Beautiful Ohio.

Leslie Denniston—President Wilson's Boston Speech.

(The last named declaimer is not in the contest for the Rhame declaimer's medal, as he was awarded medal by school as representative at Clinton and Columbia.)

Announcements.

The Star Spangled Banner: Orchestra.

chestra and whole audience. (The whole audience will please refrain standing until the last note of our national anthem is sung).

High School Commencement.

The closing exercises of the Sumter High Schools were held in the auditorium of Girls' High School Wednesday and the graduating class of fifty-eight, twenty-four girls and twenty-four boys, received diplomas.

The awards of medals were announced as follows:
Declaimers' Medal—Archie Phelps.
Spelling—Lila May Newman.
D. A. R.—Azilee Mellette.
U. D. C.—Katharyn Reardon.
For Manliness—Robert L. Edmunds, Jr.

Special Achievement—Claude Smith.
The order of exercises was as follows:

Invocation.
Unfold Ye Portals—Song by Class.

Awarding the I. C. Strauss Prize for Spelling.

Medals for D. A. R. and U. D. C. Medal for Manliness.

Moonlight Boat Ride—Song.
Words of Welcome—Miss Margaret Beaumont.

Piano Solo—Wedding Day—Greig—Miss Eleanor Wallace.

Women After the War—Miss Adria Duktant.

Humoresque—Miss Lillie Folsom.
The Thirtieth Division—Miss Dorothy Schilling.

God that Madest Earth and Heaven—Miss Blanche Spann.

Doughboys—Miss May Blanding.
A Son of the Desert Am I—Song by Class.

The Young Old Man of France—Miss Katie Reardon.

Anchored—Song by Class.
As It Will Be—Miss Annie Laurie Booth.

Class Poem—Miss Eva Chandler.
Words of Parting—Miss Azilee Mellette.

Lovely June—Song by Class.
Presentation of Diplomas.

Medals for Declaration.
The National Anthem by Whole Audience.

Class of 1919.

Margaret Cathrine Beaumont, Annie Laurie Booth, May Blanding.

Marie A. Brogdon, Coline Thelma Campbell, Eva Chandler.

Theodosia Virginia Deal, Sarah Adria DuRant, Irma Urselle Felder.

Lillie Gertrude Folsom, Louie Mood Folsom, Carrie Kathleen Harper.

Marion Rosalind Jackson, Vernie Jennings, Ruth D. Lyon.

Azilee Mellette, Eugenia Miller, Lilla Mae Newman.

Katharyn Reardon, Ethel Revill, Fannie Ida Rembert.

Dorothy Schilling, Blanche Richbourg Spann, Eleanor Craven Wallace.

Edward S. Booth, Jr., Douglas C. Cheyne, George Lloyd Cottrhan.

Clifford R. Crawford, Calhoun Dove Cunningham, Charles Leslie Denniston.

Alexander Coldclough Dick, James Doby Dinkins, Samuel Henry Edmunds, Jr.

Robert Leland Edmunds, Jr., Donald Fraser Kirven, Furman Jenkins Knight.

Henry Eugene Lewis, James Wesley Lewis, Eugene H. Moses, Jr.

Archibald Phelps, James Raffield, Wade Riley Reynolds.

Leslie Kenneth Schwartz, John Whitworth Shaw, Jr., Henry Wiley Sholar, Jr.

Walter Claude Smith, Robert Jennings Till, Alexander Dick Tisdale.

Cotton Blooms.

The first cotton blooms of the season were reported Friday. The first was brought to the Item office by Victor Baula from his farm on the Bishopville road. He said he found it yesterday afternoon. The second came in about noon from the farm of Messrs. George L. Ricker and T. R. McIntosh.

Notice.

Subscriptions to Salvation Army Home Service Fund are now due and payable. Please forward checks to Mr. W. I. Whitehead, Treasurer, at once.

The general interest in what will be the immediate outcome of the efforts of the committee appointed to consider the situation and devise a plan to erect sufficient house to accommodate the people who are now here and are without homes and those who want to come as soon as they can secure houses is great. Long time residents who own their own homes and are comfortably fixed cannot realize the feelings of those who are crowded into a few rooms or are boarding, or who, if they have a house, sold over their heads, or the rent jumped to an exorbitant figure. Sumter must have more houses or the growth and business prosperity of the town will receive a back-set. What is needed is a house building campaign for the public benefit, not a speculative real estate development for large profits. If a plan can be formulated and put into operation by means of which an adequate number of houses can be erected for rent at a reasonable rental, based on cost, or for sale on easy terms, by which the occupant may apply the rent to the purchase price. Every man who can be induced to buy a home, on easy terms is more than apt to become a permanent resident, who will be interested in the welfare of the town. What we want is a large and contented population of home owners, not a transient and dissatisfied lot of renters.

The damage by hail in the Mechanicville section of Lee county was not as serious as reported.

Boll Weevil in Bamberg County

Rain is Need—Crop Conditions Generally Fair—Fields Practically Clear of Grass.

Columbia, June 12.—R. H. Sullivan, local meteorologist of the United States weather bureau, has issued the following summary of crop and weather conditions for the week ending June 10.

"Hot weather during the major portion of the week has been favorable for rapid growth, and fields are practically clear of grass, except in sections of the middle and southern coastal plain, where heavy rains and wet soil has prevented cultivation.

"Cotton, corn, truck and gardens in other sections of the State are beginning to need rain.

"The wheat, oat and rye harvests are progressing, and the oat harvest is approaching completion in the more southern sections. Stray squares have appeared in early cotton, and the crop, as a whole, is in good condition, though in all stages of advancement, with some complaint locally of unsatisfactory germination and of lice in some sections; chopping continues in the central and northern counties; the boll weevil has appeared in eastern Bamberg county.

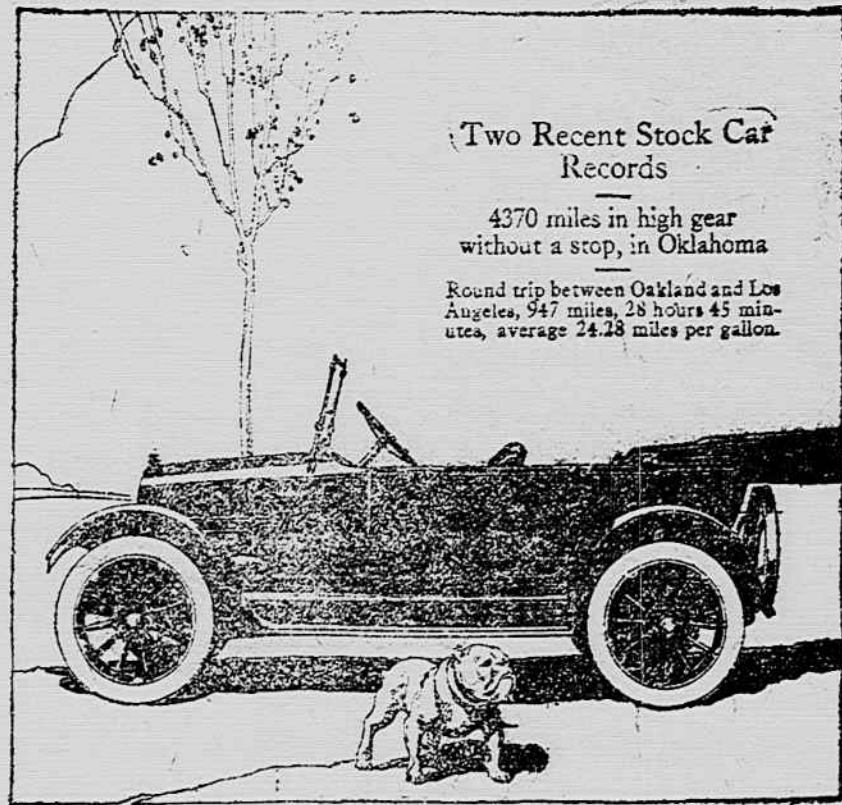
"Corn is growing rapidly and has healthy color, though still small in many fields. Tobacco is in good condition generally.

"Sweet potato transplanting continues. Cucumbers are being shipped in about average quantities, and vegetables are plentiful, but white potato digging results are not up to expectations."

Another Cotton Bloom.

Mr. W. J. Stafford who has held the record for several years for producing the first cotton bloom of the season brought in his first bloom today, but as there were two blooms brought in yesterday, he drops to third place this year.

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